

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse daily activities in order to acknowledge a momentous event which will take place in the southwest corner of the Show-Me State; and

**Whereas**, the portion of Interstate 44 which runs through Jasper County and Newton County will be designated as the George Washington Carver Memorial Highway; and

**Whereas**, located adjacent to the Diamond Grove, Missouri, birthplace of George Washington Carver, the George Washington Carver Memorial Highway will memorialize the life and accomplishments of one of Missouri's most illustrious citizens; and

**Whereas**, born into slavery near the conclusion of the Civil War, George Washington Carver was orphaned after his father was killed in a logging accident and his mother was never seen again after being kidnapped; and

**Whereas**, George Washington Carver overcame his dire circumstances in life through the help of a childless German immigrant couple who served as his foster parents and through his perseverance as the first African-American to graduate from college in the state of Iowa; and

**Whereas**, after rising to the position of Professor at Tuskegee Institute, George Washington Carver helped to better the society of his time by developing an extraordinary number of commercial uses for the lowly peanut and by demonstrating considerable strength of character in all of his fields of endeavor:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the commemorative naming of a section of Interstate 44 as the George Washington Carver Memorial Highway and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation to all of those involved in researching, archiving, and publicizing the record of a great man's life and work; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Superintendent Scott J. Bentley of the George Washington Carver National Monument.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Marilyn Ruestman  
District No. 131

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker